irrigation purposes? For that reason, I would like to know from the Minister whether the Government would consider giving diesel agencies to the farmers in the rural areas? If so, what is the progress in that direction?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Conversion of Rajkot-Veraval rail line

*26. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government had forwarded a proposal to the Central Government for conversion of Rajkot-Veraval Metre-guage line into Broad-guage and its extension upto Kodinar;

(b) whether the State Government had stressed that in view of the location of important industrial projects around Veraval-Junagadh area, the proposal is economically viable;

(c) whether the Planning Commission had also cleared this project for inclusion in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) whether Railways have cleared the proposal;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have not accepted the proposal of extension upto Kodinar;

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor: and

(g) by when the project is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (g) The proposal is under active consideration of the Government.

Tuition Fees Charged by Private Medical Colleges

*27. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of private medical and dental colleges in different States; and

(b) what are the details of annual tuition fees and its calculation method in each State?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Private Colleges

	MEDICAL		DENTAL	
	Recogn.	Unrecogn.	Recogn.	Unrecogn.
1	2	3	4	5
Andhra Pradesh	1	—	—	5
Bihar	—	1	1	13
Delhi	—	—	—	2
Gujarat	—	1	—	1
Haryana	—	—	1	1
Himachal Pradesh	—	—	—	1
J & K	—	1	—	—
Karnataka	13	1	10	31
Maharashtra	5	11	—	11
Pondicherry	—	—	—	1
Punjab	2	—	—	—